8th Fighter Wing, Kunsan Air Base, Republic of Korea



Road to the ORI

Learn step-bystep instructions for using a zone transition point

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News Briefs

F/A-22 undergoes evaluations

Once testing and evaluations are successfully completed on the F/A-22 Raptor, it will make its debut into the Air Force arsenal in 2005 as a replacement for the F-15 Eagle. The F/Â-22's operational utility is being tested and evaluated at Air Combat Command's 422nd Test and Evaluation Squadron at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. It is passing its tests with rave reviews, according to Dr. Marvin R. Sambur, assistant secretary of the Air Force for acquisition in Washington.

Child porn — Osan NCO guilty A 607th Air and Space

Communications Squadron noncommissioned officer was found guilty of taking indecent liberties with a minor and possession of child pornography by a military judge during a general court-martial at Osan Feb. 10. Staff Sgt. Gery B. Cook pleaded not guilty to the charge of attempted sodomy, and guilty to four specifications of attempting to take indecent liberties with a child younger than 16 and the possession of child pornography.



AF vocalist dazzles Hollywood

Finalists in the "Wayne Brady Show 'Hard Rock the House' Talent Search" pose with the host. One of the finalists is Airman 1st Class Brian Owens (middle). Owens is a vocalist with the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America at Scott Air Force Base, Ill. A show featuring Owens aired Thursday.

Enlisted aviator careers open

Opportunities for enlisted aviators have never been better. With possible nine enlisted aviator careers, the dream of flying can quickly become a reality for Air Force people. More than 300 training positions are open for enlisted people in the rank of senior airman to master sergeant and positions are open for flight engineers, airborne communications and electronics specialists, airborne battle management systems specialist, flight attendants and airborne cryptologic lin-





IMPROVE THE BASE: Contractors build an ambulance shelter is being built outside the clinic to house nine ambulances. The shelter will improve medical response capabilities, especially during adverse weather because vehicles and supplies will will be protected from the elements. The project is scheduled to be completed next month.

Saddam has 'weeks, not months'

Security advisor propels Bush's message to Iraqi military leader

Sgt. 1st Class Doug Sample American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON

National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice propelled the administration's clear message to Saddam Hussein during a Sunday morning talk show: "If you're ever going to comply, this is the time."

Echoing remarks made by Secretary of State Colin Powell at the U.N. Security Council meeting on Feb. 14, Rice told Tony Snow on "Fox News Sunday" that Iraq has "weeks, not months." She expressed similar sentiments later in the day on NBC's "Meet the Press."

"What we need now though is for the world to unify," she said, "and to stop talking about whether we should go to war, whether we shouldn't go to war, and to say to Saddam Hussein, 'It is time."

Rice's comments came a

day after protests against a war occurred in New York and several European cities. "People have a right to protest; people can say what they think," the president's security counselor noted.

But she pointed out the Iraqi people don't get those same rights. "The fact of the matter is that they're not saying what they think in Baghdad, because that's a regime that cuts people's tongue out if they say what they think," Rice said.
"It would be worthwhile to

step back to remember the true nature of the Iraqi regime, how they rape and torture, how they kill women in front of their families to make a point, to remember that Saddam is acquiring and has acquired weapons of mass destruction, that he's used chemical weapons on his own population and his neighbors. And ask yourself, 'Do you really want this regime to go unchallenged for the next 12 years, as we've done for the past 12 years?"

Rice told Fox's Snow that U.S. and British diplomats continue work on another draft U.N. resolution to authorize the use of force to disarm Iraq. Rice said the White House would accept such a resolution if in fact it affirms the obligations the Security Council undertook in U.N. Resolution 1441, which calls for full immediate, unconditional and active Iraqi disarmament and elimination of weapons of mass destruction. However, she said that the Security Council must make clear that its resolution will not be "serially abused" as Iraq has done over 12 years.

"We don't want a Security Council resolution if it is only a delaying tactic," Rice said. "We believe that we have all the authority necessary under 1441 and several other U.N. Security Council resolutions to impose serious consequences on Iraq if necessary." Resolution 1441, according



Condoleezza Rice

to Rice, "simply states" that if Iraq fails to comply with the Security Council obligations then it will face serious consequences.

The president's security adviser repeated what has not happened so far. "Iraq was supposed to file a full and complete declaration about its weapons of mass destruction and its (nuclear, chemical, biological and missile) programs on Dec. 7.

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CMSAF discusses mobility issues

By Tech. Sgt. Robert Burgess 97th Air Mobility Wing **Public Affairs**

Chief Master Sgt. of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray visited Altus Air Force Base, Okla. recently to discuss mobility issues affecting airmen worldwide.

hief Master Sergeant of the Air Force Gerald R. Murray said he has focused on bringing balance to the force as the enlisted adviser to Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper and Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche. At the forefront is the air and space expeditionary force.

"We need to continue to find as many ways as we can to get every airmen in the deployment pool to increase stability in the AEF process," he said.

To keep the Air Force strong, not everyone can deploy, Murray added.

"If you're sitting in a missile field out in the northwest, you're certainly not going to deploy," he said. "At the same time, we realize those troops already spend a third or more of their time away from their families."

Finding ways to reduce the number of critically manned and stressed career fields in the Air Force is also a part of the plan to balance the force. He cited the security forces career field as an example.

"Across the world we have contracted to bring as many as 13,000 Army personnel to work with our security forces," the chief said. "They will be with us for the coming years as we continue to build the security forces back up."

Keeping people in the force and providing them a good quality of life is also critical in maintaining the manning and readiness to carry out the expeditionary mission. The chief addressed the new highyear-of-tenure policy as helping with retention.

The change occurred because we are a retentionbased force," he said. "We looked at it from the standpoint of, 'Why are most of our people asked to leave the service between their late 30s and early to mid-40s — when they are at the prime of their life — when they still have so much to offer?"

Concerning incentives, the chief said the Air Force is better off today than when he enlisted in 1977. He did not think so in 1996, though, when he almost left the Air Force

after 20 years of service.

"I almost left the service five years ago, because I didn't like some of things that I saw — like getting a 20-hour notice to deploy back to the desert for the third time," he said. "They weren't paying me enough to do that, and that was as a chief. I know if they weren't paying a chief master sergeant enough, they certainly weren't paying the rest of the enlisted force enough."

After deciding to give the Air Force five more years, he said some things that had seemed far beyond the horizon came to fruition.

"Four years ago, the pay table was revamped, and two years ago we set up a targeted pay raise, paying our mid-grade enlisted force as much as a 10 percent increase," he said.

Young airmen may not agree with targeted pay raises, Murray said.

"With the exception of certain career fields, our civilian counterparts' pay is similar to what an E-1 through E-4 earns in the Air Force," he said. "However, from E-5 through E-8, we're still below compared to what a civilian would make on the outside with an equivalent

education level."

Murray said when young airmen view the pay scale, he wants them to know it is right compared to what would be available on the outside. He said he also believes it gives those young airmen motivation to advance as they look up that pay scale.

He passed along a message from Jumper concerning "face-to-face leadership."

"It's not about sending someone an e-mail telling them what they have to do," he said. "Face-toface""means everybody comes in to work at the same time, so supervisors can put their eyes on people and say, 'Are you with me today?' We need people to have their heads in the

"Too often we get the preconceptions that our leadership only cares about making the next stripe, and all they care about is looking good in front of their supervisors so they can get promoted."

The chief said leaders need to be looked at "from the stand point of, 'I want to be like you. I want to follow you. I trust you, and you're going to take care of me.'"

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Col. Guy Dahlbeck Commander, 8th Fighter Wing

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Simple patriotic act reflects commitment to service

By Lt. Col. Edward Keegan 18th Communications Squadron

ruch is made in the press and popular culture about the generation that is currently coming of age to join the military — the generation that will replace us as the future of the Air Force.

The recurring theme is that they are not the service type, that their horizons are viewed through a lens of self-absorption, and that which is not immediately gratifying to them is not noticed or purposefully ignored.

Much is also made of the older generation. That generation includes my father-in-law, who recently visited us on Okinawa, his first return here since passing through in 1965 on his way back to the United States from Vietnam.

He has long since retired from the Air Force, grown his remaining hair a little longer, and taken on full-time duties as a grandpa. The salute he

receives at the gate as a retired lieutenant colonel had become perfunctory, done so often for so long that he doesn't even seem to notice any more that he returns the gate guard's salute.

On a recent weekend, young met old at Kadena's Gate Two. A young airman, pulling his latest security forces augmentation tour, stepped up to the car when my wife and her parents arrived at the gate. Then something unexpected happened. Rather than performing the expected rote courtesies, the airman bent down, looked past my wife to her father, and said, "Thank you for serving, sir."

In my entire career, I have never been so proud of anyone. With that deceptively simple act, the young airman reminded a retired lieutenant colonel, and this active-duty lieutenant colonel, exactly what true service is about.

It is not about rank or position, and it is more than earning a paycheck. It is about a set of ideals that transcend time, that say we will do whatever is

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required to keep our country safe, just as those who came before us did.

That airman proved the thread that binds the Air Force still exists across all the generations. He showed our Air Force is, and will remain, in good hands, and America's greatest generation is not in the past, but is still to come. On behalf of the entire Air Force, I want to say to that young airman, "Thank you for serving, sir."

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All other visitors are subject to existing Kunsan Air Base escort policy and regulations.

Wolf Pack has a blast at joint-service mortar training

By Senior Airman Andrew Svoboda 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

It's not too often the Air Force provides heavy weapons support for the Army, but that's exactly what happened during a joint-service live-fire training exercise last week.

Members of the 8th Security Forces Squadron and 8th Civil Engineer Squadron explosive ordnance disposal flight, joined Army soldiers from Camp Walker and Republic of Korea army infantrymen from the 1st Battalion at an ROK tank artillery range in Suwon for the training.

"It's sort of unusual for the Air Force to provide the weapons support to the Army, but the soldiers participating in the exercise were a military police battalion, so they don't employ their own mortar team," said Staff Sgt. Scott Ziegler, 8th Security Forces Squadron.

The opportunity to use high explosives doesn't happen too often, so SFS members jumped at the opportunity. Even at Kunsan, only illumination rounds are used during training scenarios.

"Any time you fire 81mm rounds, it involves a pretty intense scenario," said Ziegler. "With the exception of Korea, we don't employ mortar teams anywhere else in the world, other than training environments in the States like the war college or technical school."

During the four-day exercise, Wolf Pack troops lived with the ROK army in tents and worked hand in hand with the soldiers gaining insights about how to work and communicate with each other.

"The ROK army are superb at what they do," said Ziegler. "The training was a way for us to discover any difficulties we would have working with them in the event of a real-world situation."

In addition to infantry members, the ROK army deployed with a translator.

"Most of their soldiers, understood English, even if they didn't speak it," said Ziegler. "We used a lot of hand gestures. It did take a while to convey specific and technical information, but we managed to pull it off."

Working with the Army also presented some challenges, but according to Tech. Sgt. Jack Constable, 8th SFS, it was better to bring these obstacles to light now, than wait for a real-world contingency.

"The Army uses different words," said Constable. "For example, they use degrees for measurements, but we use millimeters."

Another challenge the training provided was the ability to hit a target troops couldn't see.

"Unlike in the classroom, during this training we couldn't always see our target," said Senior Airman Jonathan Pye, who was getting his first mortar training outside of a classroom environment. "This was better training because in a real-world situation, we'll have to learn to adapt and won't always see the target."

A four-person team of Wolf Pack EOD personnel also deployed and lived in the field during exercise. Because live ammunition was used, EOD cleared the ranges beforehand and detonated misfires afterward.

"We got to test-fire the barret 50-caliber semiautomatic rifle," said Tech. Sgt. Swearingen, EOD



Photo by Senior Airman Andrew Svobod

GOT YOU IN MY SIGHTS: Senior Airman Michael Pye, 8th Security Forces Squadron, setsup a mortar as Tech. Sgt. Jack Constable, 8th SFS, looks on. These troops were among the Wolf Pack members who participated in a joint-service live-fire exercise in Suwon last week.

team chief. "That weapon has a range of four miles, so there's not much opportunity to train with it at Kunsan"

Despite roughing it in the field conditions, the Americans and Koreans had opportunity for cultural exchange.

"They cooked us ramen noodles and bulgogi using field stoves," said Zeigler. "They loved our MREs [Meals Ready to Eat], so I was happy to trade."

Unit commanders get more control of leave program

By Staff Sgt. C. Todd Lopez
Air Force Print News

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE,

Texas — A recent policy change returns the authority to unit commanders to approve permissive temporary duty and terminal leave of more than 90 days.

The Air Force's current instruction on military leave requires members wanting a combination of permissive TDY and terminal leave of more than 90 days to seek approval at group or wing level. It is that portion of Air Force Instruction 36-3003 that will be modified, said Master Sgt. Donald Taylor, Air Force leave program manager at the Air Force Personnel Center here.

"Instead of pushing approval paperwork up to the wing commander," Taylor said, "this policy change puts that approval authority back down to the unit commander."

Permissive TDY, often granted in conjunction with terminal leave, is leave granted at the discretion of a commander to retiring airman and some separating airmen to look for a new home or job, Taylor said.

The current policy will not actually be reworded to reflect the change. Instead, Taylor explained, portions of the current instruction will be deleted.

"The leave program has always been the unit commander's responsibility," Taylor said. "By taking those sections out of the AFI, it puts the entire program back on the unit commander."

The change is necessary because an increasing number of Air Force people are reaching retirement or separation dates with large amounts of accrued

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> — Master Sgt. Donald Taylor Air Force Personnel Center

leave. That can happen when individuals are sent on long deployments where taking leave is not possible, Taylor said. They return from such a deployment and expect to take all their leave, along with some permissive TDY, before leaving the military.

However, when airmen accrue significant leave by not taking it as it is given to them, it constitutes a misuse of the benefits Congress has given to service-members, he said.

"Congress' intent is for people to use leave as they accrue it," Taylor said. "If you look at the AFI, it highly recommends that everybody take at least a 14-day leave period for rest and relaxation each year. Those other 16 days should be taken intermittently throughout the year as needed. We shouldn't have people with 30 or 60 or 90 days on the books, but we do."

Airmen are normally permitted to have up to 60 days of leave "on the books" at the end of each fiscal year — Sept. 30. People with more than 60 days of leave accrued typically lose those extra days on Oct. 1.

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'Instead, they file a declaration

that everyone knows was a joke — 12,200 pages of nothing," she stated.

"They have not cooperated with the inspectors. When it comes to

the inspectors. ... When it comes to answering to tough questions about VX [nerve gas] or anthrax or those mobile biological laboratories, the Iraqis have failed to do that," she added. "They are not cooperating; they are deceiving."

When asked whether President Bush would set a deadline for war, as his president father did in the early '90s first Gulf War, Rice said that the White House is in a diplomatic phase where the discussion is how to best bring this situation to a conclusion.

"We've not determined that there needs to be a deadline," she said, "but I think that we are determined that the Security Council cannot continue on this path for very much longer."

Although NATO allies like Germany and France are asking for more inspectors inside Iraq, along with more time for them to do their job, Rice said the inspections are not working.

"I don't understand how anyone can say the inspections are working," she observed. "The inspectors were never sent there to be detectives. They were not sent there to give [Saddam Hussein] a final chance to be inspected. They were sent there to verify his disarmament. ... The inspectors are doing their very best under extremely difficult circumstances, but 1441 was not set up as a test of the inspectors but as test of Iraq's willingness to comply."

Rice the United States has allowed the inspections to go forward in the context of 1441, but she said that resolution also talks of a "final opportu-



U.S. Army photo

READINESS TRAINING: The threat of war increases nuclear, biological and chemical training in Kuwait.

nity to comply." She stated that sooner or later, and "we believe sooner," the Security Council will have to say that Iraq has not taken that final opportunity, and this country and its coalition partners will have to act. Rice repeated what President Bush has been saying: that a "coalition of the willing" has been preparing and is ready to go.

"We have been preparing for some time now and we are in a period now, a diplomatic window, where we should be discussing how the Security Council can best carry out its obligation. Saddam shouldn't read that somehow he will get away with this again."

FEATURE

Road to the ...

OPERATIONAL READINESS INSPECTION

USING TRANSITION POINTS Editor's Note: This is the second in an eight part series discussing readiness topics which will appear each week until the Operation Readiness Inspection.

HIGHER MOPP TO A LOWER MOPP

approaching a transition point,

check ground

crew ensemble

for contamina-





STEP 2a: If contamination is found, use M291 or M295 kit to decontaminate any liquid contamination on the ground crew ensemble or equipment items and proceed to the nearest contamination control



STEP 2b: If contamination is not found, process through the boot and glove wash stations.



STEP 3: Proceed through zone transition point to destination using paved surfaces.

LOWER MOPP TO A HIGHER MOPP



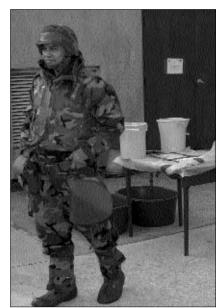
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STEP 2: Assume the proper equipment configuration for the higher MOPP level



STEP 3: Attach M9 paper to the ground crew ensemble as required.



STEP 4: Proceed through the zone transition point to destination using paved surfaces.

PEOPLE

FROM THE TRENCHES...

People on last week's Patriot tell us their expectations for their assignment at Kunsan.



Airman 1st Class Cody Metts
"I'm coming in open minded
and plan to have fun while I'm
here."



Staff Sgt. Micheal Woods
"I expect a fast pace, and to
rely on my coworkers to get up
to speed. So far, I'm impressed
and happy to be here."



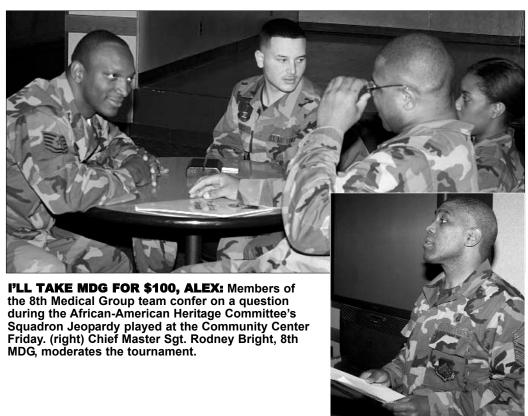
Senior Airman Caryn White "I've already been assigned at Osan. I volunteered to come here to see what Kunsan offers. Hopefully it will be fun."



Senior Airman
Ashley Aronovitch
"I'm excited. Looking forward
to working a new job and working with new people."



Senior Airman John Nixdorf "Excitement? Adventure? A Jedi craves not these things."



Photos by Staff Sgt. Chuck Walker



BRUSH HOUR: 1st Lt. Helen Juan (right), 8th Civil Engineer Squadron, receives a new toothbrush from Airman 1st Class Brooke Ogunyemi, 8th Medical Operations Squadron, at the Base Exchange Saturday. The dental flight passed out free toothbrushes to commemorate dental health month.



Job: 1-43rd Air Defense Artillery patriot battery

Duties: Maintain and operate patriot missile launch equipment.

Hometown: Azusa, Calif. Follow-on: Azusa, Calif.

Hobbies: Playing guitar, planting trees, bowling and yoga

Favorite music: heavy metal

Last good movie you saw: "Punch Drunk Love"

Best thing you've done at Kunsan: I ate dog for the first time.



Army Spc. Freddie Lopez

"Spc. Lopez is certified Table XII (the highest level of certification) as a launch crew member, a site selection team member numerous times, and a missile reload crew member. He was also part of a two-person crew named "Best Launcher Crew" in the battalion. Lopez has instructed more than 25 soldiers on launch crew responsibilities and duties and participates in numerous extracurricular activities in addition to working a 24-hour crew rotation while performing his functions to the highest standards."

Army Capt. Marc Gilbertson 1-43rd Air Defense Artillery foxtrot battery commander





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TRANSIENT ALERT

Always on call, ready to shine

nearly every airframe including

helicopters while assigned here.

"We pool our combined knowl-

By Senior Airman Andrew Svoboda 8th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

eliability is something some people look for in a job. Those people who crave a job with a constant, steady routine day in and day out need not apply for the world of transient alert

The members of the 8th Maintenance Squadron's Transient Alert flight must stand ready 24 hours-a-day to launch. recover and service any inbound aircraft not assigned to the base and respond for crash and recovery duties to any aircraft emer-

Although they start out as aircraft crew chiefs, the nature of their job forces TA crew members to become part firefighter. part pit crew and part ambassadors to the wing. Each crew works two days on and two days off around the clock to respond to ever-changing flying schedules.

"Planes are scheduled about a week in advance, but we have to be very flexible with arrival times," said Senior Airman Phillip Humphries, TA crew member. "We don't always get the notice we'd like, and base operations doesn't either, so we have to roll with the punches. We get calls all the time saving planes not scheduled to arrive for two hours are 10 minutes out, which forces us to jump and go."

Once on the ground, planes are met by TA members driving the be trained in every aircraft," said Haynes, who has worked with "Follow-Me" truck, a pick-up boasting a large, illuminated sign, and escorted to an aircraft parking lot near the base operations

"The marshalling rules are universal, so whether we're catching military, civilian or international planes, we speak the same language with the pilots," said Staff Sgt. Jay McDowell, TA crew leader

After parking the plane, TA crew members hop to work — NASCAR pit crew-style — performing any ground servicing the aircraft may require.

"The aircrew tells us what they need and we coordinate to refuel the plane, get liquid oxygen servicing, off-load cargo or perform any other maintenance.

each have a background in different aircraft. Staff Sgt. Sean Haynes, who spent eight years working on A-10s and U-2s, believes that no jet compares with the A-10. His co-workers, each with varied backgrounds from fighters like the F-16 to heavies like the KC-135, don't all share his passion for the A-10, but do share their cumulated knowledge of different planes to ensure everyone knows how to service any aircraft diverted to

edge and backgrounds to help each other out. We even have to work with helicopters from the Army and Marines, so there's usually one or two people who know how to work on them, and they pass that knowledge on as new people arrive." At Kunsan, another challenge

of transient alert members is the ability to work with Republic of Korea air force jets and crews. "During a contingency, we

may be launching ROKAF jets, so twice a month we train on procedures for launching their aircraft " said Humphries "The language barrier makes it interesting, but we have a checklist and we go over it step by step with The 25 TA crew members here

Although the job seems to be for seasoned crew chiefs, occasionally an airmen gets assigned to the special duty slot straight out of technical school, creating a steep learning curve for both the new airman and the shop. Airman 1st Class Lani

Nishimura was trained to work on F-16s, but after school she was assigned to work transient alert here and rarely even sees an F-16. Despite not working with her assigned aircraft on a daily basis, she's still in upgrade training and is responsible for completing her career development

"I don't get much experience on F-16s, but I'm learning a lot about different jets. That's knowledge I'll be able to take with me to other assignments.'

In order to be on call around the clock, TA members have facilities in their shop for members to sleep and live. Like firefighters, they have some beds and a small kitchen and bathroom

"Planes get diverted at all hours, and we must also be ready to launch or recover any medevac [medical evacuation] aircraft at any hour," said Haynes. "We might get the call at 2 a.m. and have to call in other crew members on telephone standby "

While the job has its share of slow days, it only takes a telephone call to bring the TA crew to life. Besides launching and recovering transient aircraft, the other main responsibility of the transient alert is crash recovery.

Every time an in-flight emergency occurs, transient alert are among the first responders on

"I'd rather be bored than be busy when it comes to working crash recovery," said Nishimura. "Every time the crash phone rings, you get a little jumpy. We drop everything and run. Even though there's lots of minor inflight emergencies, each one has the potential to put the pilot's life

In the event of a crash, it's transient alert's responsibility to clean and move aircraft parts from the crash site. If an aircraft were to crash on the runway this task becomes increasingly more important in order to allow jets to continue taking-off. To maintain proficiency, members here train monthly a 65-ton crane and towing equipment.

"Every crash scenario is different but we train for the worst case scenario," said Havnes "That way, we'll be ready for anything.

Make no mistake about it, transient alert is a high-profile job and members must stand out from their crew chief counterparts. In addition to the crew sharing a living and working space. TA members also share a common uniform: the unmistakable blue uniform, and for distinguished visitor visits, that includes the white ascot and

"We're the first people visitors see when they landing at Kunsan, so we must make a good impression," said Humphries.

No matter what the situation or time of day, when visiting aircraft arrive at Kunsan, the men and women of transient alert lead the way to making the Wolf Pack



Senior Airman Jason Minich chalks an aircraft after it parks on the tran-



Transient Alert members train with a 65-ton crane each month to maintain proficiency in crash recovery duties. In the event of an aircraft crash, TA uses the crane to remove aircraft parts from the crash site.



(ABOVE) Airman 1st Class Scott Ward marshalls a C-12 aircraft departing Kunsan. Transient Alert members are among the first people visitors see upon landing at Kunsan, so white gloves and an ascot are worn for distinguished visitors. The visits are known as "Red Carpet" visits because the aircraft is marshalled in to line up with a red line resembling a red carpet near the base operations building.
(LEFT) Staff Sgt. Nick Thompson looks on as Kee, Che Pap, a Republic of Korea air force aircraft evaluator inspects the ROKAF aircraft to ensure the TA crew



Senior Airman Jason Hagen inserts a ground safety maintenance pin to prevent the nose and main land-



In the event of an aircraft crash, Transient Alert are among



Airman 1st Class Lani Nishimura hooks up an aircraft fire



AT EASE



Today

Walking tour The Kunsan Walking Tour, sponsored by the Family Support Center, departs the main gate at noon. Tour the downtown shopping area, hike Wolmyeong Park and visit a Buddhist temple. Special emphasis on learning to use local transportation. Registration required, call 782-5644.

Wolf Pack Wheels Departs Kunsan for Osan AB at 7:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. The bus returns to base at 5 and 10:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10/\$9* one way and \$20/\$18* round trip. For more information, call 782-5213. *Special Consideration for Airmen's Morale (S.C.A.M.) program.

Free food The Loring Club offers club members free barbecue ribs from 6 to 9 p.m. in the ballroom.

Karaoke Display your talent or cheer on others from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Falcon Community Center.

Howlin' Bowl Bowling is \$8 per person or \$35 per lane 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Yellow Sea Bowling Center.

SonLight Inn meal The African-American Heritage committee hosts the free meal at 6 p.m. in the SonLight Inn. The meal includes fried/baked chicken, macaroni and cheese, collard greens, corn bread and red velvet cake.

Saturday

Wing annual awards ceremony

Celebrate the wing's annual award nominations during a ceremony 6 p.m. at the Loring Club. For more information, call the first sergeants.

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Chess tournament The Falcon Community Center hosts a chess tournament at 2 p.m. Winner receives a phone card.

Country night The Loring Club's country night offers dancing beginning at 8 p.m. in the ballroom.

E-Mart trip The Falcon Community Center hosts a shopping tour to E-Mart in Kunsan City. Busses depart the base at 10 a.m., noon, 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. Busses return to base at 1, 3 and 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$2. For more information, call 782-4619.

Wolf Pack Wheels Departs Kunsan for Osan AB at 7:30 and 10 a.m. The bus returns to base at 5 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$10/\$9 one way and \$20/\$18 round trip.

Sunday

Brunch Extravaganza The Loring Club offers entrees and side dishes for Sunday brunch from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Price is \$11.95 per person for club members.

Spades tournament The Falcon Community Center hosts a spades tournament at 2 p.m. Winner receives a phone card

B-I-N-G-O The Loring Club hosts bingo at 2 p.m. The early bird bingo game begins at 1:45 p.m.

\$.10 wings The Loring Club offers 10 cent wings from 6 to 9 p.m. for club members.

Rent-A-Lane Rent a lane at the Yellow Sea Bowling Alley from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Cost is \$6 per hour. For more information, call 782-4608.

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Monday

Finance closure Finance is closed from 8 a.m. to noon today for training.

Conversational Korea class One-day class teaches the basics to reading and writing Korean and basic travel expressions 5 p.m. at building 755. Registration required,



Photo by Staff Sot, Chuck Walker

GETTIN' TRICKY: Angelo Oddo performs close-up sleight-of-hand tricks for club members tonight and Saturday at the Loring Club.

call 782-5644.

Free shoe rental Every Monday is free shoe rental day at the Yellow Sea Bowling

9-ball pool tournament The Loring Club hosts at pool tournament at 7 p.m.

\$.50 pizza The Loring Club offers 50 cent pizza and \$1 longnecks from 6 to 8 p.m. for club members.

Wolf Pack Wheels Departs Kunsan for Osan at 7:30 a.m. The bus returns to base at 5 p.m. Tickets are \$10 one way and \$20 round trip.

Tuesday

Sumo wrestling The Loring Club offers sumo wrestling beginning at 8 p.m.

8-ball pool tournament The Falcon Community Center hosts an 8-ball pool tournament at 7 p.m. Winner of best two out of three games wins a free phone card.

\$2 Kun burger special The Loring Club offers \$2 burgers and \$2 pitchers from 6 to 8 p.m.

Wolf Pack Wheels Departs Kunsan for Yongsan at 7:30 a.m. The bus returns to base at 3 p.m. Tickets are \$15 one way and \$30 round trip.

Wednesday

8-ball pool tournament Test out your pool playing skills at the 8-ball pool tournament at 7 p.m. at the Loring Club.

Free food The Loring Club offers club members free Red Devil chili bar from 6 to 9 p.m. in the ballroom.

Karaoke Display your talent or cheer on others from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Falcon Community Center.

Thursday

Darts 501 tournament The Falcon Community Center hosts a darts 501 tournament at 7 p.m.

Ladies night Ladies bowl for free all night at the Yellow Sea Bowling Center. For more information, call 782-4608.

2-for-1 steak night The Loring Club offers two steaks for the price of one from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. for club members.

Submit your events for 7-Days by sending an email to wolfpackwarrior@kunsan.af.mil. Submissions must include the time, date, place, point of contact and a phone number.

MOVIES

Saturday & Sunday Matinee

"Treasure Planet" (PG)
Animated. 3 p.m.

Saturday

"Just Married" (PG-13) Starring Ashton Kutcher and Brittany Murphy 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Sunday

"Star Trek: Nemesis" (PG-13) Starring Patrick Stewart and Jonathan Frakes. 7 and 9:30 p.m.

Monday

"Star Trek: Nemesis" (PG-13) 8 p.m.

Tuesday

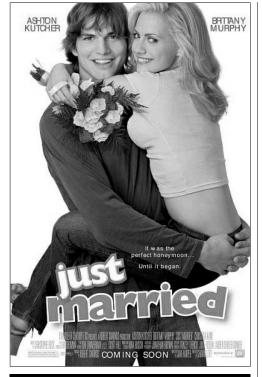
"Analyze That" (R) Starring Robert De Niro and Billy Crystal. 8 p.m.

Wednesday

"Die Another Day" (PG-13) Starring Pierce Brosnan and Halle Berry. 8 p.m.

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8th Fighter Wing Annual Awards 6 p.m.Saturday at the

Uniform of the day: BDUs

Boring Club

Free Korean Language (lass

6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays

For more information, call Ms. Rosemary Song at 782-5194.

Education

Conversational Korean class A free six-week conversational Korean class is offered Tuesdays and Thursdays. Students learn to speak and read basic phrases two nights a week from 6 to 7 p.m at building 1305. If interested, e-mail Rosemary Song at SongAe.Song@ kunsan.af.mil

OTS application acceptance Officer Training School will only accept applications from individuals with technical degrees through Oct. 2003, unless an individual is seeking a rated position. Call the Education Center at 782-5148 to find out what degrees qualify.

Troop-to-Teachers Troops-to-Teachers provides referral assistance and placement services to military personnel interested in beginning a second career in public education as a teacher. The DANTES Troops-to-Teachers office helps applicants identify teacher certification requirements, programs leading to certification and employment opportunities. The office's new Web site is www.jobs2teach.doded.mil.

Commissioning counseling The education office offers commissioning counseling for airmen considering pursuing a commission. For an appointment, call 782-5148.

CLEP/DANTES The education center offers CLEP/DANTES testing 8 a.m. Mondays and Fridays, and 8 a.m. and 1 p.m. Wednesdays. Call 782-5148 for an appointment. The Rosenblum Library offers a variety of CLEP and DANTES study material for loan. The library is open 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. daily.

CDC testing Career Development Course testing is 9 a.m. Thursdays in building 1053, room 3. Unit training managers must make appointments for testing.

FSC

Sponsorship Training Family Support Center gives sponsors the tools to help make new members' transition to Kunsan an easy one. Training takes place 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. every third Wednesday at the Sonlight Inn. Registration required, call 782-5644.

Family reunion The Family Support Center hosts a family reunion briefing 3:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the base theater. The briefing addresses the challenges of returning home after a separation.

Smooth Move A briefing to answer questions about permanent-change-of-station moves is 1 to 2:30 p.m. Wednesdays at SonLight Inn. Legal, finance, housing, and medical experts provide information. Registration required, call 782-5644.

Survival Korean Language ClassTwo-hour class teaches students how to read and write the Korean alphabet and also includes basic travel expressions. Class is 5

p.m. Monday. Registration required, 782-5644.

Volunteer Opportunities

Women's History Month The Women's History Month Committee is looking for volunteers to plan events. This year's theme is "Women Pioneering the Future." For more information, contact Staff Sgt. Lynetta Williams 782-4053.

CISM peer counselors The Life Skills support clinic seeks volunteers interested in becoming critical incident stress management counselors. Counselors receive training. For more information, call Capt. Robert Vanecek at 782-4562.

Korean orphanage The military equal opportunity office seeks volunteers to help at the local Kae Chong Orphanage on a weekly basis. On Thursdays, Wolf Pack personnel spend some time with about 40 children. There is an English session and snack time. If interested in volunteering about two hours, call Tech. Sgt. David Madsen at 782-5371.

Commissary bagging Base members can volunteer to sack groceries from 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on weekends for tips. Sign-up at the commissary.

Chapel

Protestant services General Protestant Worship Service is 11 a.m. Sundays and the Contemporary Praise and Worship Service/bible study is 7 p.m. Wednesdays. Both services are conducted in the base chapel. For information about any chapel services, call 782-4300.

Gospel Gospel services are 12:30 p.m. Sundays and the Inspirational Praise and Worship Service is 7:30 p.m. Fridays at the base chapel.

LDS Services are 3 p.m. Sundays at the base chapel.

Church of Christ Services are 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the Sonlight Inn, room 1.

Catholic services Mass is 5:30 p.m. Saturdays, 9 a.m. Sundays and 11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday at the base chapel. Catholic Reconciliation is by appointment Monday thru Thursday and 4:30 to 5 p.m. Saturdays. R.C.I.A. is 7 p.m. Wednesdays in the chapel conference room. An "Overview of the Scriptures" is 7 p.m. Thursdays in the chapel conference room.

SonLight Inn hours The Sonlight Inn is open 6 p.m. to 10 p.m. Mondays thru Thursdays, 6 p.m. to midnight Fridays, 8 a.m. to midnight Saturdays and 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sundays. For more information, call 782-5466.



GET YOUR FUNK ON: Staff Sgt. Erick Roberson, 8th Medical Operations Squadron, and Senior Airman Jennifer Conley, 8th Security Forces Squadron, dance with a member of the United We Funk R and B group Saturday at the Loring Club. The group included Ce Ce Peniston and members of Club Nouveau, the Dazz Band and the BarKays.

Prayer & Bible studies The base chapel hosts several prayer and Bible study groups at the chapel and Sonlight Inn. Groups include:

☐ Adult Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sundays, SLI room 3.

☐ Basic Christian Training, 9:30 a.m. Sundays at the SLI, room 3.

☐ Korean-American Bible Study, 7:30 p.m. Mondays at the SLI, room 1.

☐ Women's Fellowship, 7 p.m. Tuesdays at the SLI, room 2 and every third Thursday.

☐ Mid-Week Spiritual Boost, 12:15 p.m. Wednesdays at the chapel.

 $\hfill \square$ Intercessory Prayer, 8:30 p.m. Saturdays at the SLI, room 2.

Miscellaneous

March birthday meal The O'Malley Dining Facility offers a special meal for people with March birthdays March 9. Please sign up no later than March 7.

DMS training offered Defense Messaging System two-day training course for workgroup managers is offered through March 14. To reserve a seat, call 782-5608. Wing promotion ceremony This month's ceremony is 4 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Loring Club. Promotees need to be in place with new stripe sewn on no later than 2 p.m.

Tax assistance The legal office offers tax assistance for military and civil service employees beginning Tuesday. Schedule an appointment by calling Staff Sgt. Michele Deaner at 782-1829.

Off base driving The 8th Logistics Readiness Squadron administers licenses for driving off base. E-6 and above are authorized to own a private vehicle and drive offbase and E-5 and below may rent cars and drive off-base. All ranks are authorized to operate government vehicles off-base for official duties. For more information about an off-base license, call Senior Airman Shelly Falls at 782-6014.

Legal accepts applications

Applications for the Funded Legal Education Program, a paid legal studies program for active-duty Air Force officers, are being accepted until March 1. For more information and an application, call Maj. Lynnette Pratzner at DSN 224-5941.

Submit your events for Bulletins by sending an e-mail to wolfpackwarrior@kunsan.af. mil.

FREE CLASSIFIEDS

To submit an item for Free Classifieds, send an e-mail to wolfpackwarrior@kunsan.af.mil with "classifieds" and the category (Wanted, For Sale or Lost & Found) in the subject block. All submissions must contain member's rank, name and phone number and must originate from the member's e-mail account. No "personal" ads will be accepted. Deadline for submissions is noon Friday a week prior to desired printing. For more information, call 782-4705.

For Sale

Air conditioner Carrier upright (Korean) air conditioner. Like new \$500. Various Korean oscillating fans \$5-\$20. Call Steven Peele at 782-4508 (work) or 463-7473 (home).

Scanner Epson Perfection 636U Flat-Bed Scanner. Perfect condition, all original software and packaging included. Works with Windows 98, ME, 2000, and XP. \$99. Call Mr. Larry Campos at 782-5403. McMillan PFE Like new "McMillan" multiple-choice PFE study guide. Over 2,400 questions. 50 percent off AAFES price. Call Master Sgt. Moreno at 782-8342.

Laptop A Dell laptop, includes a carrying case and two batteries. \$500 OBO. Call Airman 1st Class Ruby Salvino at 782-5945 before 5 p.m. or 782-9164 after 5:30 p.m.

Speakers Klipsch KM-6 black vinyl finish floor standing speakers. \$250

OBO for the set. Specs: Two 10 inch woofers and 3 inch tweeter. Excellent sounds and condition. Call Staff Sgt. Myers at 782-9197 (home) or 782-6840 at (work).

Kia Avella 5-speed, four door, good car and outstanding fuel economy. Asking \$1,000 OBO. Call Tech. Sgt. Madsen at 782-5371 (work) or 782-8263 (home).

Video Games Tom Clancy's Ghost Recon and Desert Siege- \$25, Command & Conquer: Renegade- \$25, Mech Warrior 3 w/Pirate's Moon- \$10, Tom Clancy's Rainbow Six- \$10, Half-Life Platinum Collection- \$25, Beyond Atlantis- \$10, or all for - \$90. All bought at base exchange; played only once and selling for half price. Call Tech. Sgt. Larry Chagnon at 782-5550 (work) or 782-9873 (home).

Nintendo Game Cube With controller, two extra large memory cards and NCAA Football. All for \$175. Call Tech. Sgt. Maurer 782-4555 or 782-9235.

Computer With keyboard, mouse,

and software for sale. AMD Processor, 127MB RAM, 56X disc drive, Windows ME. Fully upgradeable. \$600 Call Tech. Sgt. Jenny Nicholson at 782-8438 (home).

RC New Beetle Over 2 feet long, red, working head and tail lights, sounds, three speeds, doors, trunk, and hood all open to detailed interiors, rechargeable batteries, \$130 new, asking \$60. Call Master Sgt. Karl Batig at 782-7338 (evenings).

Wanted

Keyboard instructor Looking for a qualified instructor to teach keyboard. If interested, call Mr. Yi at 782-4619.

Bass player for rock band Looking for someone interested in playing classic rock and 80's and 90's rock. We already have a P.A. system. If interested, contact Tech. Sgt. Mark Butler at 782-7588(home) or 782-4784(work) or Staff Sgt. Thomas Smith at 782-5474(work) or 782-9597(home).

Donations Old clothes, electronics,

unwanted items Donate clothes, electronics and household goods before you PCS. Call Master Sgt Larry Kirkpatrick at 782-9178 or bring items to building 1245, first floor.

Have a birthday in March?

Check out the O'Malley Inn's monthly...

BIRTHDAY MEAL

Sign up at the O'Malley Inn Dining Facility by March 7.

Over-30 men defeat men varsity women

By Staff Sgt. Chuck Walker 8th Communications Squadron

reeding a win to stay in the hunt for first place in the Over-30 Intramural Basketball League, the 8th Medical Group made easy work of the Kunsan Women's Varsity team.

Timothy Stout scored a game-high 18 points and Richard Bullock added 16 points to lead the Med-Dogs to a 63-33 victory against the Lady Wolf Pack Tuesday night.

With the victory, the Med-Dogs stayed one game behind the KunDawgs in the over-30 standings.

"We played pretty good," MDG coach Joseph McCance said. "We only had half of our players tonight, but they gave a pretty solid effort. We were just trying to have fun and get the women's team ready to play.'

The Med-Dogs took control from the get-go, although they did get a little scare as the women tied the score at 12 midway through the first half. By halftime, the Med Dawgs had taken a 30-18 lead.

In the second half, the Med Group maintained control as they opened with a 17-5 run to take a commanding 47-23 lead, virtually killing the Lady Wolf Pack's hopes.

Misty Jensen led the Kunsan women with 12 points, while Dion Telting and Chew Weathers each scored in double figures with 11 and 10 points respectively for the Med-Dogs.

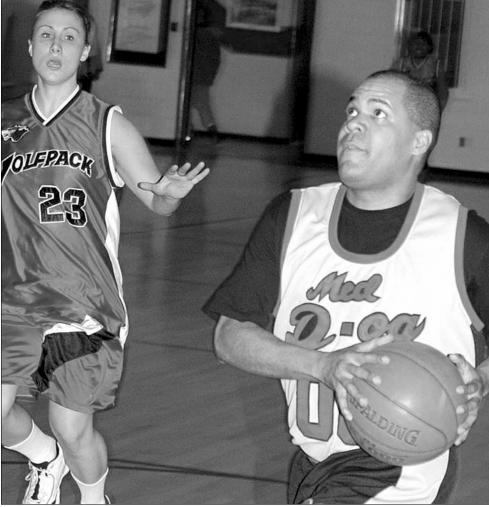
Stout said that despite the margin of victory, he thought the game would benefit both teams.

"It was something we needed," Stout said of the victory. "We've had some disappointing losses and this was a chance to relax and try to give the varsity women some valuable practice. Hopefully this will help them with their season."

The idea at the beginning of the season was that allowing the women's varsity team to play in the over-30 league would be good practice for both participating teams. The Lady Wolf Pack would get extra practice for their season and the over-30 men would get a work out.

Ironically, it women who got a workout Tuesday, but despite this, Lady Wolf Pack coach James Wright said he was pleased with his team's performance against the men.

"It was a highly contested game, from the perspective of the women," Wright said. "I think they kind of



DRIVING THE LANE: Dion Telting, 8th Medical Group guard, drives past Misty Jensen during the Med-Dog's 63-33 victory against the Kunsan women's varsity team Tuesday night.

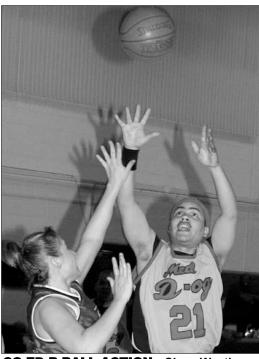
underestimated our women at the beginning, but they did pick it up on us in the second half. We don't show any fear in our heart, whether we're playing women or men."

Wright also said that playing in a men's league takes the pressure of his

"It's good to see them have some fun," Wright said. "They can go out there and work and have some fun. The varsity games are so intense, this gives them a chance to let loose and have fun. There's no pressure."

Stout said the key for the Med-Dogs the rest of the way will be discipline, in play not in attitude.

'We need to stick to the fundamentals," Stout said. "Sometimes we get a relaxed and don't play up to our capabilities. We just need to relax and play the way we're capable from here on out. If we do that, we be there in the end."



CO-ED B-BALL ACTION: Chew Weathers shoots over a Lady Wolf Pack player.



Tips to Healthy

Eat moderate portions:

If you keep portion sizes reasonable, it's easier to eat the foods you want and stay healthy. Did you know the recommended serving of cooked meat is 3 ounces, sim-

ilar in size to a deck of playing cards? A medium piece of fruit is one serving and a cup of pasta equals two servings. A pint of ice cream contains 4 servings. Refer to the Food Guide Pyramid for information on recommended serving sizes.

Courtesy of the Health and Wellness Center

President's Day 5K Fun Run/Walk

10 a.m. Saturday at the fitness center



PACAF - FIT TO FIGHT

SPORTS SHORTS

President's Day 5K run/walk

The fitness center hosts a 5K run/walk at 10 a.m. Saturday. Prizes awarded for 1st and 2nd place winners. Sign-up at the fitness center.

Volleyball players wanted

Men and women interested in playing varsity volleyball for the Wolf Pack contact Staff Sgt. Jesse Hernandez at 782-7043 or Staff Sgt. Larry Leblanc, 782-6014, or by email.

Bowling 9-pin tournament

The Yellow Sea Bowling Center hosts a 9-pin tournament 6:30 p.m. Saturday. Cost is \$13 entry fee.

Darts tournament

The Falcon Community Center hosts a darts 501 tournament at 7 p.m.



Army joins NASCAR

The U.S. Army's NASCAR Winston Cup car, driven by veteran driver Jerry Nadeau, debuted at the Daytona 500 race Sunday. The car is a way to generate recruiting efforts.

8-ball pool tournament

The Falcon Community Center hosts an 8-ball pool tournament at 7 p.m.

Kunsan dart league

Anyone interested in playing or entering a team in the Kunsan spring dart league should contact Staff Sgt. Jon Leidner at 782-5600

Tennis court closure

The tennis courts next to the fitness center are being demolished to accommodate the new fitness center. New tennis courts are being built near the chapel and will be available in late March.

Kunsan marathon training

Members of the Wolf Pack training for a marathon or trying to improve their marathon time should contact Steve Vreeke at 782-8394. Vreeke is forming a training group at Kunsan for marathon runners, from novice to road-seasoned veterans.

Martial Arts Classes

Budo Taijutsu/Ninjutsu Noon Sat. and Sun. - FREE

Taekweon-Do 8 - 9 p.m. Mon. - Thu.

Kuk Sool Hapkido

7 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Tang Soo Do

6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Mon. - Fri.

Aerobics Classes

Monday

5:30 a.m. - Aerobics 5:45 p.m. - 15-minute Abs 6 p.m. - Step Challenge Tuesday

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Thursday 5:30 a.m. - Aerobics 6 p.m. - Step Hi/Lo

Friday 5:30 p.m. - Aerobics 6 a.m. - Bootcamp

Saturday 10 a.m. - Step Mountain 11 a.m. - 15-minute Abs

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Notice

any towels that belong to the Wolf Pack Sports and **Fitness** Center

Scores & More Military healthcare info stolen

TRICARE officials answer customer concerns, deter similar theft

A break-in at one of TriWest Healthcare Alliance's offices in Phoenix late last year resulted in the theft of computer equipment and data files containing personal information records about beneficiaries — military service members, their families and retirees — who are enrolled in the Department of Defense's managed-care program, known as TRICARE.

"The recent theft of computer equipment and files from one of our facilities is a matter of grave concern to everyone in our company and throughout the Military Healthcare System," said TriWest President & CEO David J. McIntyre, Jr. "We regret any inconvenience that this incident may cause beneficiaries and are working around the clock, in cooperation with the military's healthcare leadership, to organize and staff a system to inform our beneficiaries and help them take the proper precautions to safeguard against any potential fraudulent activity or misuse of their stolen information."

Beneficiaries can now send an email

to computertheft@triwest.com to automatically receive information regarding the incident and measures to consider taking to protect against the possible compromise of their personal information. Beneficiaries who have questions after reviewing the e-mail package or who do not have email access can speak with a TriWest customer-service specialist by calling 1-888-339-9378.

The total impact of the theft is still being assessed, and the case is being investigated by the Defense Criminal Investigative Service, the FBI and other law-enforcement agencies. "TriWest is mobilizing all resources at our disposal to assist law enforcement in the apprehension of the person or persons responsible for this crime and to recover the stolen property," McIntyre said.

As a measure to try and avert similar thefts, the Defense Department has ordered all contractors working within the TRICARE system to assess their current physical and electronic security. TriWest has been working with federal officials who have been on-site at its two Phoenix corporate offices over the last several days to review all aspects of the company's security and make recommendations on what, if any, measures need to be taken to strengthen security and prevent a repeat of this sort of breakin and theft.

Computer Theft Info

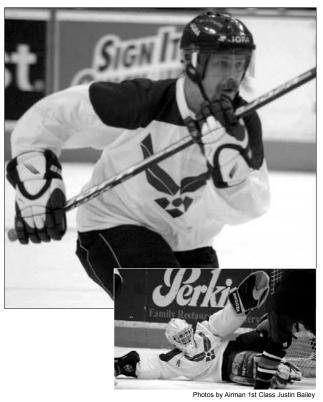
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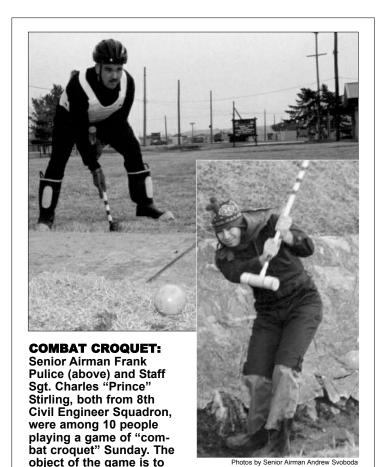
<u>Call</u> 1-888-339-9378 **DSN 782-5502**

TriWest Healthcare Alliance is a Phoenix-based management service organization that is contracted with the Department of Defense for the managedcare support and administration of the TRICARE program in the 16-state TRI-CARE Central Region, which comprises Arizona, Colorado, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Wyoming and extreme Western Texas. For more information, visit us at www.triwest.com or call your local TRICARE Office at 782-5502.

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AIR FORCE DROPS PUCK ON NAVY: (above) Karl Nichols races to beat a Navy player to a loose puck during an exhibition hockey game held Feb. 8 at the North Charleston Coliseum, S.C. The Air Force went on to defeat the Navy 8-6. (inset) Air Force goalie Jeramie Banks hits the ice for a save



Tobacco Fact

Every cigarette smoked takes 7 minutes off the life of the smoker, about as long as it takes to smoke the cigarette. Each pack of 20 cigarettes takes 140 minutes to smoke, and subtracts 140 minutes from the life of the smoker.

— 1994 Surgeon General report Youth and Tobacco

knock the opponent's ball

The Health and Wellness Center offers free smoking cessation classes. For more information, call 782-4305.

Playing contact sports?

☐ The Kunsan Preventive Dentistry Committee recommends participants playing in high contact sports including baseball, basketball and soccer, obtain and wear properly fitting mouth guards.

For more information, call the dental flight at 782-4943.

Sharing Valentine Spirit



1st Lt. Laura Beeson, 8th Operations Support Squadron, looks over the shoulders of two Okpong Elementary School 5th grade students as they sing songs from their English workbooks. Wolf Pack members visited the school, located about 3 miles from Kunsan, on Valentine's Day.



Capt Julianna Piepkorn, 8th Fighter Wing, helps a student choose a sticker the Wolf Pack members brought to share with the class.

Wolf Pack delivers special gifts to local elementary children



Two students open their bag of Valentine's Day candy given to them by the visiting Wolf Pack members.



Capt. Julianna Brown, 8th Medical Operation Squadron, and 1st Lt. Kimberly Lee, 8th Security Forces Squadron, receive instructions on how to fold an origami crane.



Some students pose with a paper doll named "Flat Keirstyn." The doll is part of a fourth grade project from the Living Word Christian School in Roberts, III. and is visiting as many world-wide locations as possible in one school year. She has been to Florida, Oklahoma, England, and France and will be visiting Saudi Arabia and Japan before returning to Illinois.